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Weeklong, homegrown Philadelphia Collection event includes 'pop-up runways' in Center City Unlike fashion weeks for its down-to-earth feel

In many cities, fall fashion week conjures images of well-coiffed magazine editors and manicured merchandise buyers perched in the front rows of haute runway shows. But the city's weeklong, homegrown Philadelphia Collection is taking style to the streets.

"The Philadelphia Collection is not like New York fashion week, where it's very buyer-focused," said Laura Krebs of Cashman and Associates. "They're focusing on Spring 2013 in New York, where here it's very consumer-oriented. It's all about the shopper — getting them out to the stores and having fun with fall 2012 fashion."

The Philadelphia Collection is democratizing even further this year with a new campaign called "Remote Red Carpet," in which Immaculata University students man a step-and-repeat that has popped up at three high-foot-traffic locations across the city so far. Passing pedestrians are encouraged to strike a pose in front of a branded backdrop, then tag themselves on the Collection's Facebook page for a chance to win a swag bag.

Immaculata's Director of Fashion Merchandising Christine Baeza said she was pleased to have her students' help spreading the word. "The students were not only running the red carpet picture event, but out on the streets really talking to people about the Philadelphia Collection and the fashion scene in Philadelphia," she said. "A lot of people heard about it — if they have some kind of fashionista in them, they know what fashion week is — but they equate it with New York. So it was fabulous to have it in Philly and to have students be ambassadors of that."

Baeza said the pupils even received some schooling themselves.

"They were really shocked — there's a lot of people on the street who are not afraid of mixing colors, where traditionally you'd see that type of mix in Europe," she said, recalling one man's green plaid pants. "It goes to show how the world has become so global. ... I think we saw a really good cross-section. You had your really elegant lawyers and how coiffed they are and some really fun, funky combinations."

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▶ Workers with Philadelphia Collection set up a "pop-up runway" in Center City.

Quoted

"'Remote Red Carpet' is under the umbrella of something we created called 'Random Acts of Fashion.' It's basically a series of promotions to create hype and buzz leading up to the Philadelphia Collection and also during the Philadelphia Collection."

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If you go

Though the Philadelphia Collection ends tomorrow, there are still plenty of events to catch:

- The 19th annual "**Phashion Phest**" showcasing local fashion and beauty retailers will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Shops at Liberty Place. The event features a runway show, salon presentations and a cocktail reception. Tickets, which include hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and a gift bag, are $25 for students, $50 in advance and $60 at the door.
- A second "**Random Act of Fashion,**" the ongoing "Own It" campaign, will continue through tomorrow. Local retailers are marking certain in-store items with a Philadelphia Collection tag. Shoppers who snap a picture of a tagged item and either post it on The Philadelphia Collection's Facebook page or tweet it to @PhilaCollection will be automatically entered to win the merchandise they photographed.
- **Macy's Fashion Show** kicks off tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at the 1300 Market Street store. The runway will feature fall trends from the department store, plus the debut of the Philadelphia Fashion Incubator designers' spring 2013 collections. After the show, which is free and open to the public, guests are invited to shop the looks and receive complimentary beauty makeovers.

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What they're wearing

Metro's own fashionista-in-residence, Michelle Boyles of South Philly Fashionista, offered her take on some selected looks from the three remote red carpets that popped up at Rittenhouse Square, Liberty Place and Broad and Walnut streets.

Tangerine tango has been dubbed the color of 2012. Pairing it with nude heels and a printed top is the right way to make it pop.

There's a right way and wrong way to mix prints. This girl's got an A in my book! She kept the tones neutral and the prints simple.

In the news

City justice center renamed

Mayor Michael Nutter signed a bill yesterday renaming the Criminal Justice Center as the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice. Stout was the first African-American female judge in the city of Philadelphia when she was appointed to the Municipal Court in 1959. She then in 1988 became the first African-American woman to serve on any state Supreme Court in the nation. She died in 1998. METRO

In the news

Attacker sought

Philadelphia police have released a composite sketch of a man wanted for sexually assaulting a woman near 62nd and Arch streets Sunday afternoon. Detectives said the suspect broke into the 32-year-old victim's home on North Dewey Street shortly after 1 p.m. and demanded money before physically and sexually assaulting her at gunpoint. METRO

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‘Very, very high burden’ on Pa.

If the lower court finds access is inhibited or voters are disenfranchised in any other way “arising out of the Commonwealth’s implementation of a voter-identification requirement for purposes of the upcoming election, that court is obliged to enter a preliminary injunction,” the high court said.

The high court’s 4-2 opinion places a “very, very high burden on the Commonwealth to establish that no one is going to be disenfranchised by this law,” said Jennifer Clarke, executive director of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

“It is going to be very difficult for the state to make this showing,” she said.

Pennsylvania’s Department of State, which has argued there is no evidence that the necessary ID cards could not be produced in time, said it would continue to reach out to voters with mailers, television advertisements and calls to educate them on the law.

A spokesman said the department was confident “every registered voter in Pennsylvania who needs an ID for voting will be able to get one for the November election.” **REUTERS**

No resolution yet in Pa. voter ID law battle

In the latest twist to Pennsylvania’s controversial voter ID saga, the state Supreme Court yesterday kicked the case back down to a lower court to determine if all affected voters would be able to obtain proper identification by the November election.

The ruling was issued in a 4-2 opinion, with Justices Debra McCloskey Todd and Seamus McCaffery dissenting. It requires Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson, who initially upheld the law, to hear new arguments and make a ruling by Oct. 2.

In effect, the Supreme Court’s ruling said Simpson must decide on his own whether the new Department of State identification cards, which are strictly for voting, are being properly issued and whether any voters would be disenfranchised. If he is not satisfied, Simpson must issue an injunction that would keep the law from taking effect in November, the ruling said.

The American Civil Liberties Union of pennsylvania, which is representing some of the plaintiffs, called the ruling a partial victory.

“The court has gotten us at least part way there, and we’re very appreciative of that,” plaintiffs’ attorney David Gersch said, adding the burden is now on the state to prove voters are not disenfranchised.

Pennsylvania is one of 14 states that have passed voter ID laws or tightened existing laws since 2010, with the efforts led by Republicans.

Gov. Corbett’s office did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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Eagles quarterback Michael Vick yesterday made his first major gift through his newly-formed charity, the Team Vick Foundation, donating $200,000 for the restoration of a football field in Hunting Park that will be christened the Team Vick Field. Improvements will include a new drainage system, resurfacing, lighting, goal posts and a new scoreboard, and the paving of a new track. **METRO**

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Civil suits filed against Catholic church

Archdiocese of Philadelphia sued by nine alleged victims of sex abuse by priests Attorney says cases exceed criminal statue of limitations

Eight civil complaints have been filed today against the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by alleged victims of priest sexual abuse.

The complaints were filed on behalf of nine alleged victims. The defendants include seven priests accused of the alleged abuse: Edward Avery, Robert Brennan, Francis Feret, Joseph Gallagher, John Mulholland, John Schmeer and Francis Trauger.

The suits were filed by Jeff Anderson and Associates, the leading firm for victims of clergy sex abuse, which already is representing plaintiffs in eight other civil suits against the Archdiocese.

"There is one conspiracy in the city of Philadelphia for child sexual abuse of children and it's a conspiracy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia," attorney Marci Hamilton said during a press conference. "These brave survivors have come together today in order to make the point, all at once, that it must stop. The coverup, the incompetence in the handling of reports of abuse, must stop."

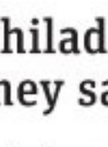
Only one of the accused priests, Robert Brennan, is still in active ministry. Brennan has been a chaplain at Camilla Hall, a retirement home in Malvern, since 2004. The others have either retired or were removed. Avery is serving a 2 1/2- to 5-year sentence after pleading guilty to sexually abusing a 10-year-old altar boy in 1999.

Three of the nine alleged victims used their real names in the complaints, which were filed in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. One of those defendants, Michael McDonnell, claimed he was abused by Schmeer and Trauger at St. Titus School in East Norriton over a two-year period.

"Seeking justice is the right thing to do now and for the future protection of our children," McDonnell said, noting that he has dealt with mental health issues, post-traumatic stress disorder and addiction since the alleged abuse.

Also named as defendants are Archbishop Charles Chaput, his predecessor Cardinal Justin Rigali and Monsignor William Lynn, the former secretary of clergy who was convicted of endangering the welfare of a child and is serving a three- to six-year sentence.

The Archdiocese said it could not comment because it had not seen the complaints.



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Moved to act

Three of the nine alleged victims used their real names in the complaints, which were filed in Common Pleas court.

- They were moved to come forward after Lynn was convicted of endangering the welfare of a child in June.
- Each of the cases has exceeded the criminal statute of limitations but not the civil limit, Hamilton said.
- Meanwhile, Lynn's attorneys have filed an appeal and are seeking probation for the former cleric until his appeal. In a filing on Monday, Lynn's attorneys claimed that Rev. Edward Avery, a co-defendant, did now know his accuser, but pleaded guilty to avoid facing a harsher sentence.

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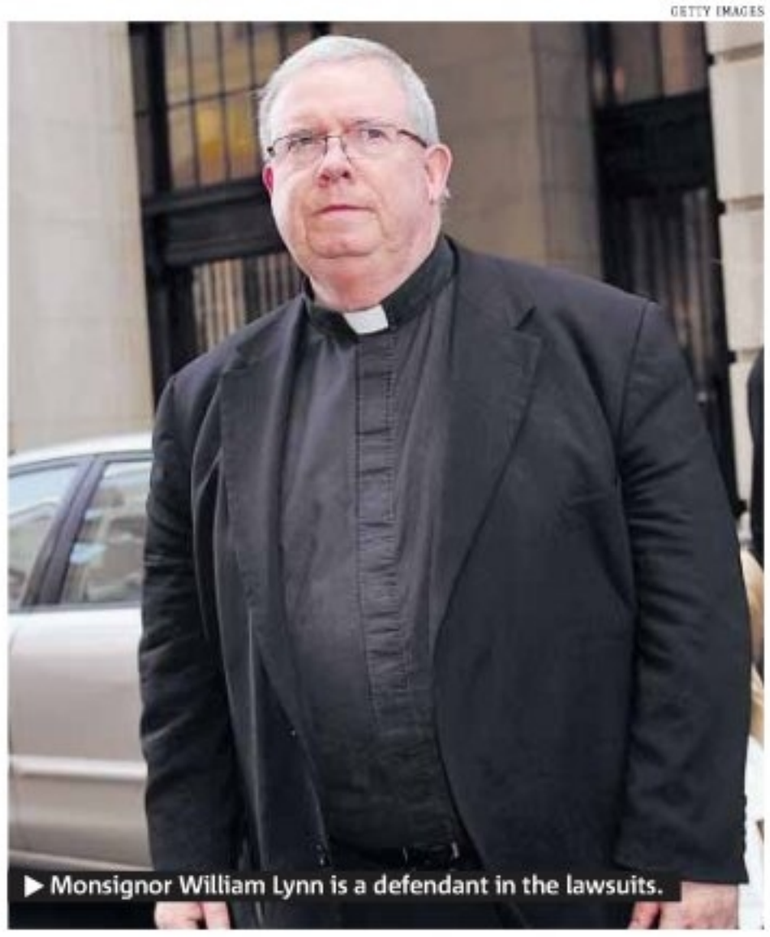

▶ Monsignor William Lynn is a defendant in the lawsuits.

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German gov't tells 80M people to stop using Internet Explorer

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▶ The German government has warned against the use of the Internet Explorer browser.

The German government urged its public yesterday to temporarily stop using Microsoft Corp's Internet Explorer Internet browser following discovery of yet-to-be repaired bug in the web browser that the software maker said makes PCs vulnerable to attack by hackers.

The security flaw, which affects hundreds of millions of IE browser users around the globe, publicly surfaced over the weekend.

Microsoft had said on Monday that attackers can exploit the bug to infect the PC of somebody who visits a malicious website and then take control of the computer.

The German government's Federal Office for Information Security, or BSI, said that it was aware was aware of targeted attacks and that all that was needed was to lure Web surfers to a website where hackers had planted malicious software that exploited the bug in Internet Explorer to infect their PCs.

33%
Internet Explorer was the world's second-most widely used browser last month, with about 33 percent market share, according to StatCounter.

"A fast spreading of the code has to be feared," the German government said in its statement.

BSI advised all users of Internet Explorer to use an alternative browser until the manufacturer has released a security update.

Officials with Microsoft did not respond to a request for comment on the move by the German government.

The company late on Monday urged customers to install a piece of security software as an interim measure, buying it time to fix the bug and release a new, more secure version of Internet Explorer.

Microsoft did not say how long that will take, but several security researchers said they expect the update within a week. **REUTERS**

In the news

Pa. Supreme Court returns voter ID law

PHILADELPHIA. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered a lower court yesterday to reconsider its decision upholding a new state voter ID law, saying it should be blocked if voters would be shut out this Election Day by hurdles to obtaining ID cards.

The court battle over the law passed last March by the Republican-led legislature in Pennsylvania is being watched closely on both local and national levels.

Supporters of the voter ID law say it is aimed at ensuring that only those legally eligible to vote cast ballots. Critics say it is designed to keep minority voters, who typically vote Democratic, away from the polls. **REUTERS**

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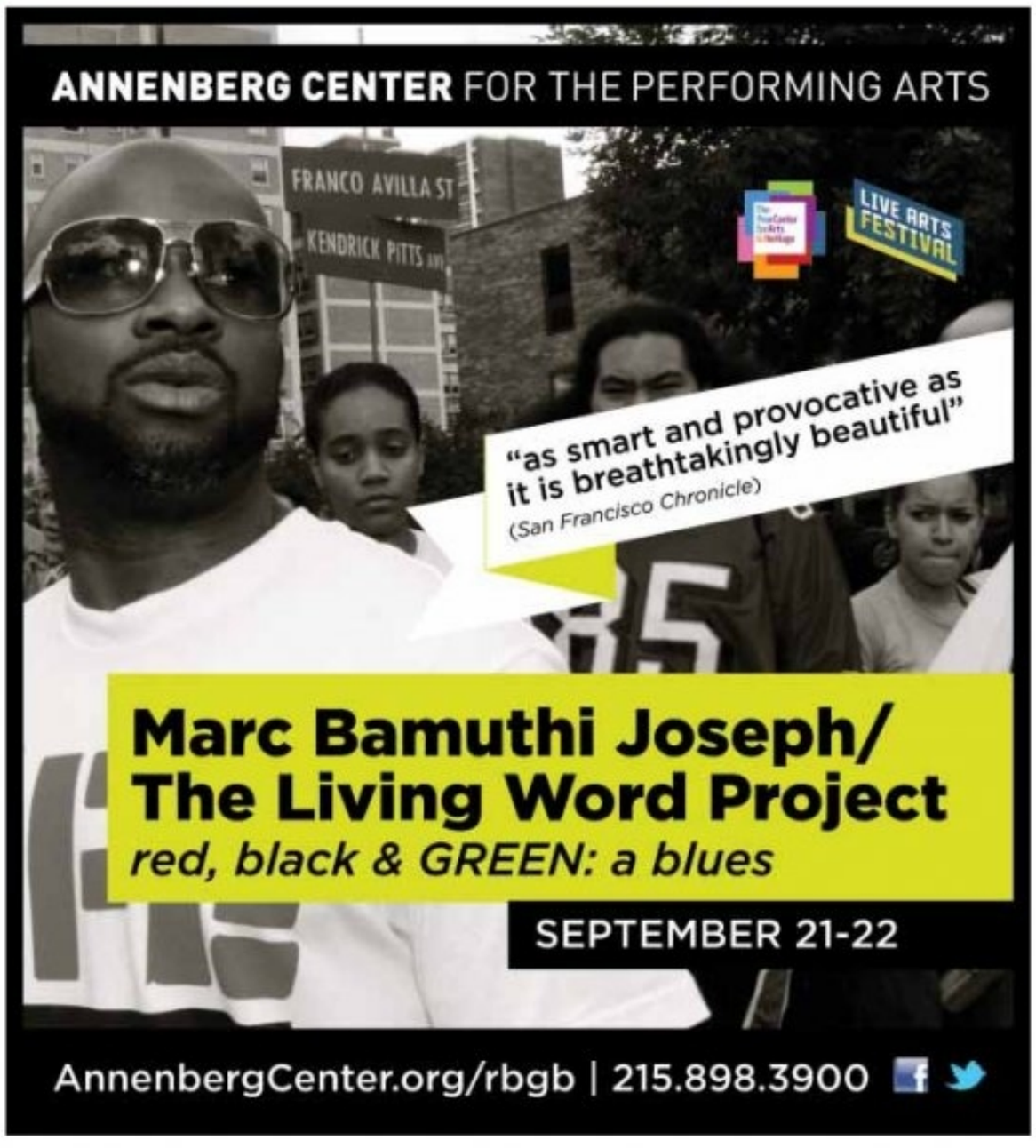
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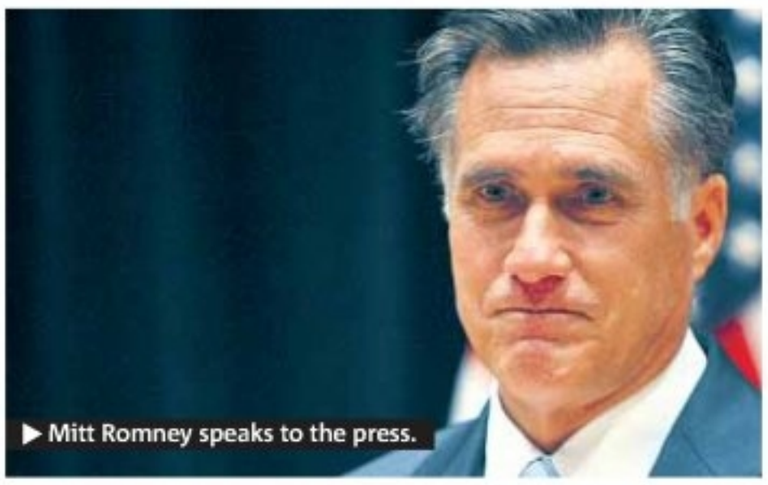
Palestine video more trouble for Romney

Republican presidential candidate caught on video saying Palestinians don't want peace with Israel ◐ Video fuss overshadows domestic issues


▶ Mitt Romney speaks to the press.

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▶ Latino protesters march by the hotel where Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is scheduled to attend a fundraising event in Salt Lake City.

Already reeling from a secret video showing him deriding 47 percent of the U.S. electorate, Republican Mitt Romney's campaign hit more trouble yesterday when new images surfaced in which he accused Palestinians of not wanting peace.

The videos, taken at the same closed-door fundraiser in Florida in May, have knocked Romney's gaffe-plagued campaign even more off stride and raised fresh questions about whether he can come from behind in the polls and win the White House in November.

"I look at the Palestinians not wanting to see peace anyway, for political purposes, committed to the destruction and elimination of Israel, and these thorny issues, and I say there's just no way," Romney said in the latest video clip published by liberal Mother Jones magazine.

Quoted

"I look at the Palestinians not wanting to see peace anyway, for political purposes ..." ROMNEY

On the West Bank, Palestinians said Romney was wrong to accuse them of not seeking peace.

"No one stands to gain more from peace with Israel than Palestinians, and no one stands to lose more in the absence of peace than Palestinians," chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told Reuters. "Only those who want to maintain the Israeli occupation will claim the Palestinians are not interested in peace."

The videos fuss overshadowed an effort by Romney's campaign to offer more economic-policy specifics and issue a set of hard-hitting new TV ads to address rising worries from Republicans about the direction of his campaign. REUTERS

Romney's 47% include elderly, poor workers

Elderly Americans and low-wage workers make up the bulk of those who don't pay income taxes, a group that Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said are "dependent on government" and see themselves as "victims."

For 2011, 46 percent of households didn't pay federal income taxes. (Romney said it was 47 percent.) About half of those didn't pay because of standard deductions and personal exemptions designed to exclude subsistence levels of income from taxation.

The rest received tax breaks, including the earned income tax credit, the child tax credit and tax benefits for older Americans such as the exclusion of Social Security benefits from income. This group still paid state and local taxes and payroll taxes.

"Half of them are people that are just plain-old poor," said Roberton Williams, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan group in Washington. "And the other half are people that aren't very far out of that poor category, but get some tax breaks." BLOOMBERG

Romney: Remarks 'not well stated'

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said on Monday that disparaging remarks he made about supporters of President Barack Obama in a secretly filmed video were not well stated, but he did not back away from them.

"It's not elegantly stated. Let me put it that way," Romney said at a hastily arranged news conference in California to respond to his latest stumble on the campaign trail.

In the video Romney was shown telling fundraisers he has no way of attracting support from 47 percent of U.S. voters because they are dependent on government and pay no taxes.

"I'm sure I could state it more clearly and in a more effective way than I did in a setting like that," Romney said.

However, he did not back away from his comments and said it was a message that he would continue to carry.

"Frankly, my discussion about lowering taxes isn't as attractive to them, and therefore I'm not likely to draw them into my campaign as those in the middle," he said.

"This is really more about the political process of winning the election, and of course I want to help all Americans have a bright and prosperous future and I'm convinced that the president's approach has not done that and will not do that." REUTERS

Who's being taxed on what?

- About 46 percent of U.S. households paid no federal income tax in 2011, according to the Tax Policy Center, a centrist think tank in Washington, D.C.
- However, almost two-thirds of those who paid no income tax did pay employment tax to support the Social Security pension program and the Medicare health-care program, the center said.
- Employment, or payroll, taxes are regularly withheld by employers from the paychecks of working Americans. Employment taxes hit the poor harder than others because they are a fixed percentage of individual income.
- Households that do not owe federal income tax are still subject to state sales taxes and property taxes.

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News in brief

Obama drops to 5% lead over Romney

President Barack Obama's lead over Republican Mitt Romney narrowed to 5 percentage points in a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Monday, from a high of seven points in the week after the Democratic National Convention.

With just 50 days before the Nov. 6 election, Obama led the former Massachusetts governor by 48 percent to 43 percent among likely voters in the online poll conducted September 12-17. In a similar poll last Thursday, he led by 48 percent to 41 percent.

"My takeaway is that it's pretty decent news for Obama that his bump is sustaining so long and he may be turning the post-convention bump into a lead," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

In a shift in recent days, Americans also gave a small edge to Obama on the crucial topics of jobs and the economy, as they feel less nervous about economic conditions.

Thirty-seven percent of registered voters thought Obama had a better plan for the economy, compared with 34 percent who favored Romney on the issue. Obama led 36 percent to 35 percent on the issue in a poll released last Thursday. REUTERS

Court: Tax-exempt groups can keep mum on donors

A U.S. appeals court ruled on Tuesday that tax-exempt groups spending millions on election-time ads this campaign season can keep their donors secret, turning aside an attempt by a Democratic congressman to force disclosure.

The unanimous decision reversed a ruling by a lower court in March that had sent scores of tax-exempt groups scrambling for ways to protect their donors' names and continue to run ads ahead of the Nov. 6 presidential and congressional elections. REUTERS

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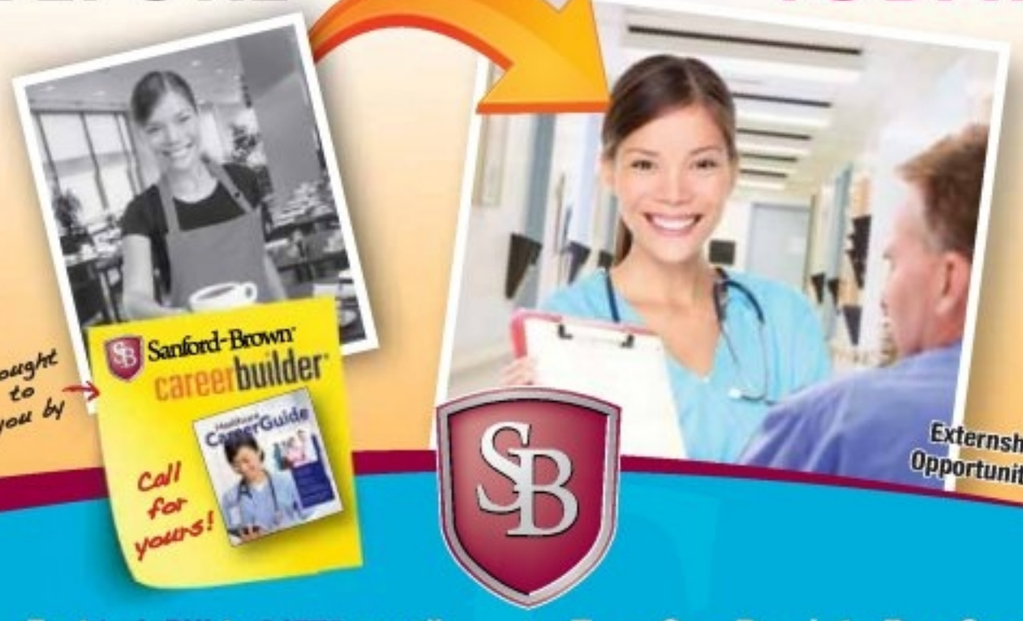

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Our picks for '50 Shades' stars

E.L. James knows who she wants in the film adaptation of her bonkers-popular "50 Shades" trilogy, but she's still not telling.

On Monday's "Katie," James told **Katie Couric** she's narrowed it down to seven actors to fill the roles of **Ana Steele** and **Christian Grey** but no contracts are signed — yet.

"It's a sort of collaborative effort. There's a studio. There's a production company. There's two producers, and at some point there's going to be a director, so I'm sure everyone will have an input into that. I have three people who could play Christian," she told Couric. "And I think four who could play Ana, and I'm not going to tell you any of them."

So who should star in the sure-to-be blockbuster film? We have a few suggestions:

Anastasia Steele

Emma Watson

Watson's name pops up again and again for the role of the shy Ana and for good reason: She can already carry a huge franchise and she needs to tackle more "adult" characters. And what's more grown-up than being tied up in "the red room of pain"?

Betty White

Deep down, you know White is no stranger to S&M material.

Anna Kendrick

Kendrick plays young and vulnerable extremely well. And she could (possibly!) make lines like "You are the state lottery, the cure for cancer, and the three wishes from Aladdin's lamp all rolled into one" sound, well, non-laughable.

Christian Grey

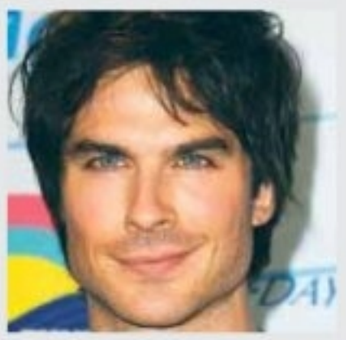
Alexander Skarsgard

Eric the vampire gets my vote to play the billionaire playboy, but will he accept it? The role would make Skarsgard a household name but might be too low-brow as he tries to establish a serious film career.

Philip Seymour Hoffman

Wild card!

Ian Somerhalder



Somerhalder's name has been thrown around more than most others. That, or else his publicists are really good at making it seem like he's a frontrunner.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Katy Perry is optimistic, Nathan Fillion isn't following his own advice, and Carrie Fisher is sympathetic.

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I can feel the phoenix rising.

@NathanFillion
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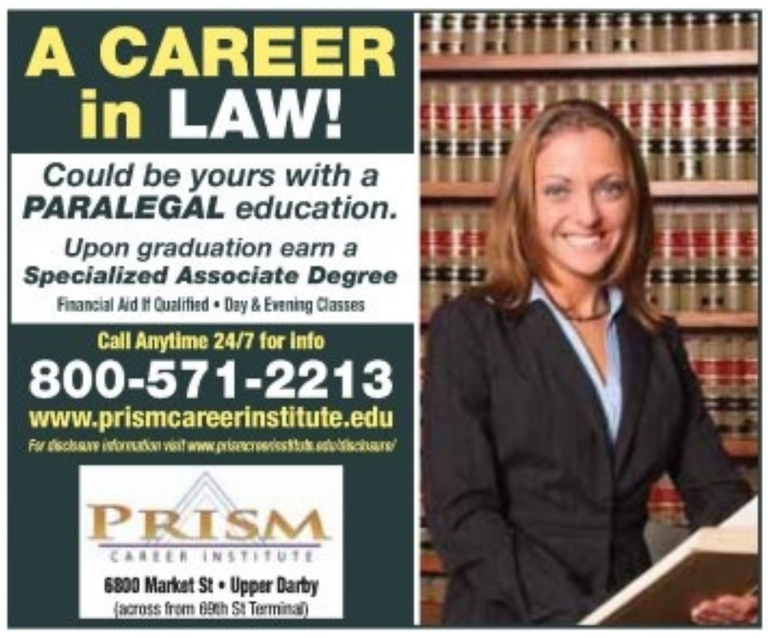
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Red carpet men from this week

1 **Liam Neeson** popped up at the "Taken 2" press conference at the Hyatt Hotel on Monday in Seoul, South Korea.

2 **Psy** visited "Extra" at The Grove on Monday in Los Angeles.

3 Actor **Jake Gyllenhaal** arrived at the premiere of Open Road Films' "End of Watch" at Regal Cinemas L.A. Live on Monday in Los Angeles.

4 Recording artist/actor **Ray J** attended the "Rickey Smiley Show" premiere at The Buckhead Theater on Monday in Atlanta.

5 **Dev Patel** attended the Burberry Prorsum show at London Fashion Week on Monday.

6 **John Travolta** attended the "Savages" photo call at Hotel Adlon on Monday in Berlin.

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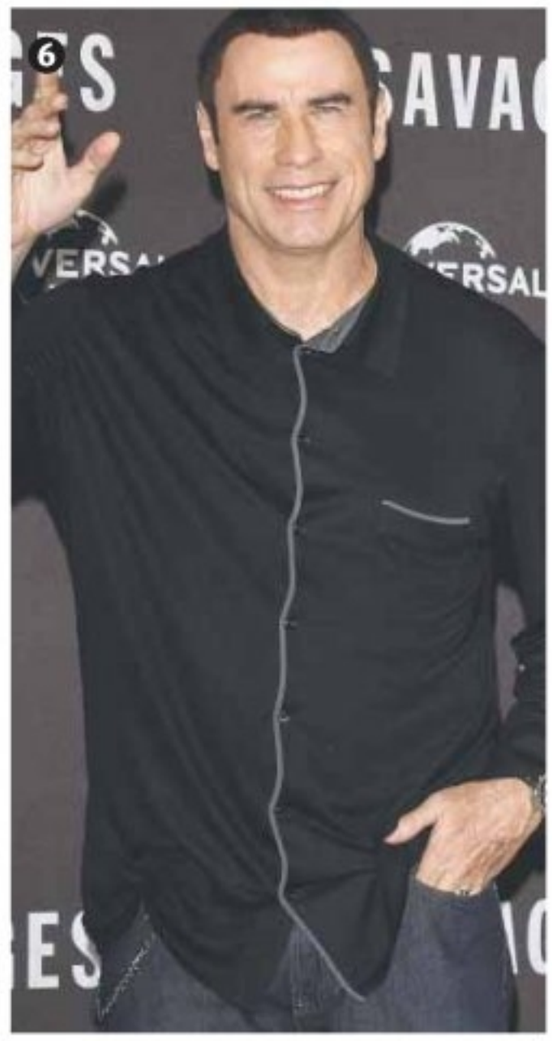

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Twitter unveils a new look

The social networking site gives profile pages a revamp and improves its iPad, iPhone and Android apps How to update your own account

Twitter CEO Dick Costolo went on NBC's "Today" yesterday morning to announce a new look for profile pages on the social network and a new iPad app plus updated iPhone and Android apps.

"We rebuilt Twitter for iPad from the ground up to make it fast, beautiful and easy to use," Costolo said.

"Today"'s website explains: "What's the biggest change? There's now a huge header image that runs across the top, sort of like the banner image that Facebook users have on their timelines. The page itself has been reoriented to play up other visuals as well: Your avatar is no longer tucked in the corner, but will display front and center. The photo stream, too, has been moved up, and will now be accessible on the apps."

In a release from Twitter, the company said the upgrade represents "our mobile-first strategy." The company says that if you upload an all-new header photo on Twitter's mobile apps or on Twitter.com, "the same image will appear whenever anyone views your profile on these apps or the web. These new profiles are available for everyone."

Twitter also updated its iPhone and Android apps to support new profiles and photo streams: "Swipe through the stream to see the photos that other users have shared, or tap any thumbnail to view their photos in fullscreen."

The announcement also explains the new iPad app: "Tweets come alive with in-line expansion and support for photos, videos and website summaries. Like Twitter for iPhone and Twitter for Android, this new version of Twitter for iPad also supports new profiles and photo streams on profiles."

TODD WASSERMAN FOR Mashable The Social Media Guide

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"We rebuilt Twitter for iPad from the ground up to make it fast, beautiful and easy to use."
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How to change your Twitter header image

Twitter has blessed us with a new way to dress up our profile pages: Header images. Yes, these are a lot like Facebook and Google + cover photos, and the process for adding them is just as simple.

First, take a look at your new Twitter profile page. No, not your homepage, the page that's called "Me" on Twitter's website and on your favorite mobile app. You can make the change through Twitter's website or you can actually make the change right on your mobile device.

Select the "Me" option from the left-hand menu bar. You'll notice this page looks completely different. Choose the settings icon that appears under your profile image or avatar. Select the "Edit Profile" option.

Select "Header" and then choose from two options: "Take Photo" or "Choose Existing Photo." The former will use your device camera to take a new image. The latter lets you select from your library of images.

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Connie Britton steps into the boots of a hardworking recording artist on 'Nashville' How this non-singer was able to find her voice

It's a risk to hinge a show named "Nashville," detailing the ins and outs of the record business in Music City, on an actress who has no professional singing experience. If the actress is Connie Britton, however, that's a gamble worth taking.

Britton is a calm powerhouse onscreen, bringing strength and complexity to roles on "Friday Night Lights" and "American Horror Story," both of which earned the Boston native Emmy nominations. On her new ABC series, Britton plays Rayna Jaymes, a country queen whose singing career has recently hit a speed bump. She's presented with the option of co-headlining a tour with the genre's hot new thing, a Taylor Swift-like pop tart (Hayden Panettiere), which sets up the show's central rivalry. But here you'll also find family drama that blurs into corrupt local politics, broken love stories and music — such good music! — from the offices on Music Row to the tiny stages at such storied venues as The Bluebird Cafe.

In anticipation of the "Nashville" premiere, we passed Britton the mic, and she sang the praises of her new series.

What made you say, "This is a role I have to play"?

Rayna is a really, really strong character. She's a self-made character and she's a survivor. It's an interesting thing to watch where she finds her strength; she just pulls from whatever she knows to keep going. She supports her family and she has created this career not out of folly, but because she really needs it as a woman and as a person kind of moving away from her [father's legacy] and creating her own path. Rayna has lived a life with her band members and she's had a relationship with the head of her band and now she's in this marriage. There's a lot of backstory, and I don't want to give it all away.

How much does the established artist versus young upstart conflict between Rayna and Juliette Barnes (Panettiere's character) play into the overall plot?

I never saw the show in those terms, and I'm working hard to not have the show become about [a young-versus-old rivalry], because I certainly don't feel old and I'm not interested in playing old. I don't want it to be about one woman versus another woman. I think what our two characters represent is two people in very different phases of their life and different phases in the music business. Our show is called "Nashville," and a big part of that is the music business. And so I think our two characters are a gateway into that story.

How will their relationship play out?

Knowing Rayna the way I do, I think that there's going to be redemption for everybody involved. I'm always interested in that.

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▶ Connie Britton stars as Rayna James on "Nashville." The series premieres Oct. 10 at 10 p.m. on ABC.

Q&A

Do you intentionally look to play strong women?

I try to play such different characters, but there's always one strong intent, and that is to play women in a way that portrays them as powerful and true and complex and comfortable in their own skin, even in the midst of crisis and chaos, whatever form that takes. In TV we have a lot of opportunity, we're seeing a lot of really strong women characters on television. But I like to play a strong woman who is also accessible and vulnerable and has a lot of the same qualities as most women do. I think that people appreciate that, and my hope is to keep doing that.

Giving voice to a music icon

Connie Britton's singing experience before "Nashville" was much more of a personal hobby than anything professional. So to play the role of country superstar Rayna Jaymes, the actress began taking voice lessons and has teamed with the show's music supervisor, superstar producer T-Bone Burnett.

- "I call him the voice whisperer," Britton says of Burnett, "because he has this amazing [ability] to bring out the voice in people that he works with."

Britton calls the experience "an immersion" into country music.

- "I'll go and spend maybe three or four hours in his studio, and we'll do everything from just listen to music and talk about music and talk about the music that Rayna would listen to. Then we decided to start a band, so we just sit down and he plays guitar and we sing."

But don't expect to see Britton and her new musician pals playing a packed concert venue near you anytime soon.

- "There would have to be such an enormous level of growth in my self-confidence for that to happen," she says, laughing. "Never say never — but almost never."

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Justin Kirk plays a misanthropic veterinarian with a monkey sidekick. If your current Facebook update is some variation on a cute animal picture, video or inspirational message, set your DVR now. 8 p.m., NBC

'Guys with Kids'

From executive producer Jimmy Fallon comes this comedy about three loving dads who don't want to lose their "dudeness" just because they're wearing Baby Bjorns. Just don't get the baby bottle mixed up with the beer bottle, guys. **Premieres Sept. 26, 8:30 p.m., NBC**

'Chicago Fire'

"Law & Order" creator Dick Wolf brings his crime-of-the-week storytelling to Chicago, where the heroes are firefighters and paramedics and the foe is a dramatic inferno — when it's not the bickering members of the firehouse themselves. Eamonn Walker, Jesse Spencer and Taylor Kinney star. **Premieres Oct. 10, 10 p.m., NBC**

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▶ "Chicago Fire"

'Arrow'

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'The Neighbors'

So the neighbors in an idyllic suburban neighborhood turn out to be aliens. Don't forget that we once all bought the idea of a vampire, Frankenstein monster and werewolf living the quintessential American life over on Mockingbird Lane. **Premieres Sept. 26, 9:30 p.m., ABC**

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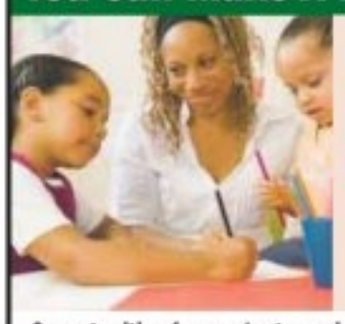

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Getting ready to believe

Michael Kiwanuka on positivity and influences ◗ This soulful folk singer has never listened to Randy Newman, but he knows his Nirvana

Michael Kiwanuka's debut is a music writer's dream come true. Enabling critics a chance to espouse their own love for the classic influences he draws from, "Home Again" has been cited for his Nick Drake-like fingerpicking, his soulful Otis Redding voice and for an approach to production reminiscent of Marvin Gaye. The singer says the critics are often correct, but there are a few exceptions.

"Most of the time it's kind of like, 'You got me!' but then there's a couple ones that come up once in a while that you're like, 'Yeah, I haven't ever heard a record by Randy Newman, apart from watching 'Toy Story,'" he says.

What makes Kiwanuka unique is how he combines influences into positive messages.

"You don't relate music to just really horrible periods; you relate it to a time where it gets you through things," he says. "That's why I really enjoy listening to music from people like Marvin Gaye and Bill Withers. ... Those are the kind of songs I love listening to. And those are the songs I like to write."

SAM BUTT

▶ "Home Again" features album artwork that looks so 1960s that it's almost a shock to be guided to www.michaelkiwanuka.com in the liner notes.

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Grandma take me 'Home Again'

One of Kiwanuka's influences that critics aren't exactly picking up on? Nirvana.

"My music doesn't really come out like that, but I really appreciate and love it," he says of Kurt Cobain and company.

So could Kiwanuka play all of the songs on "Nevermind" if he had to?

"Yeah," he says with conviction. "There's another album, 'From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah,' and it's a live album. I love that! That was actually the first album I got. ... It was cool because it was the best songs ... so I got that and then bought the other albums."

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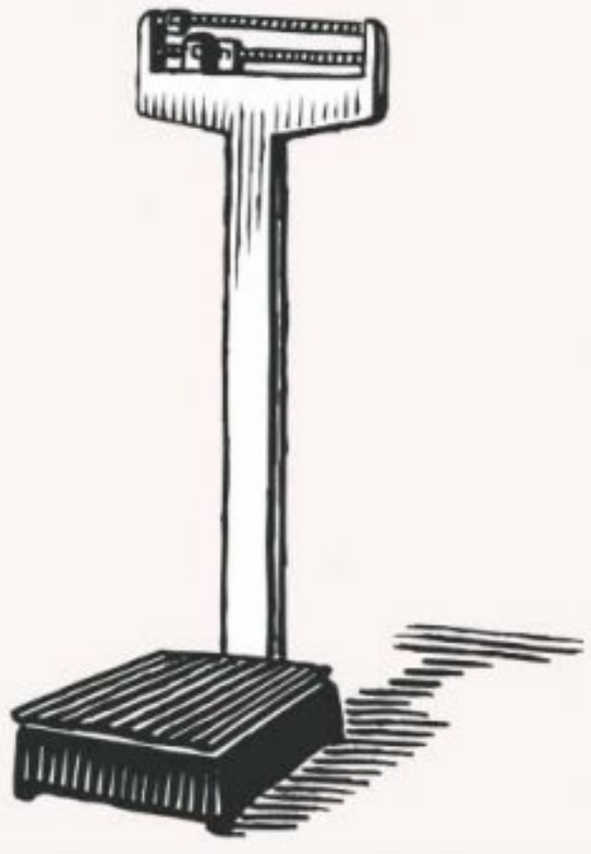

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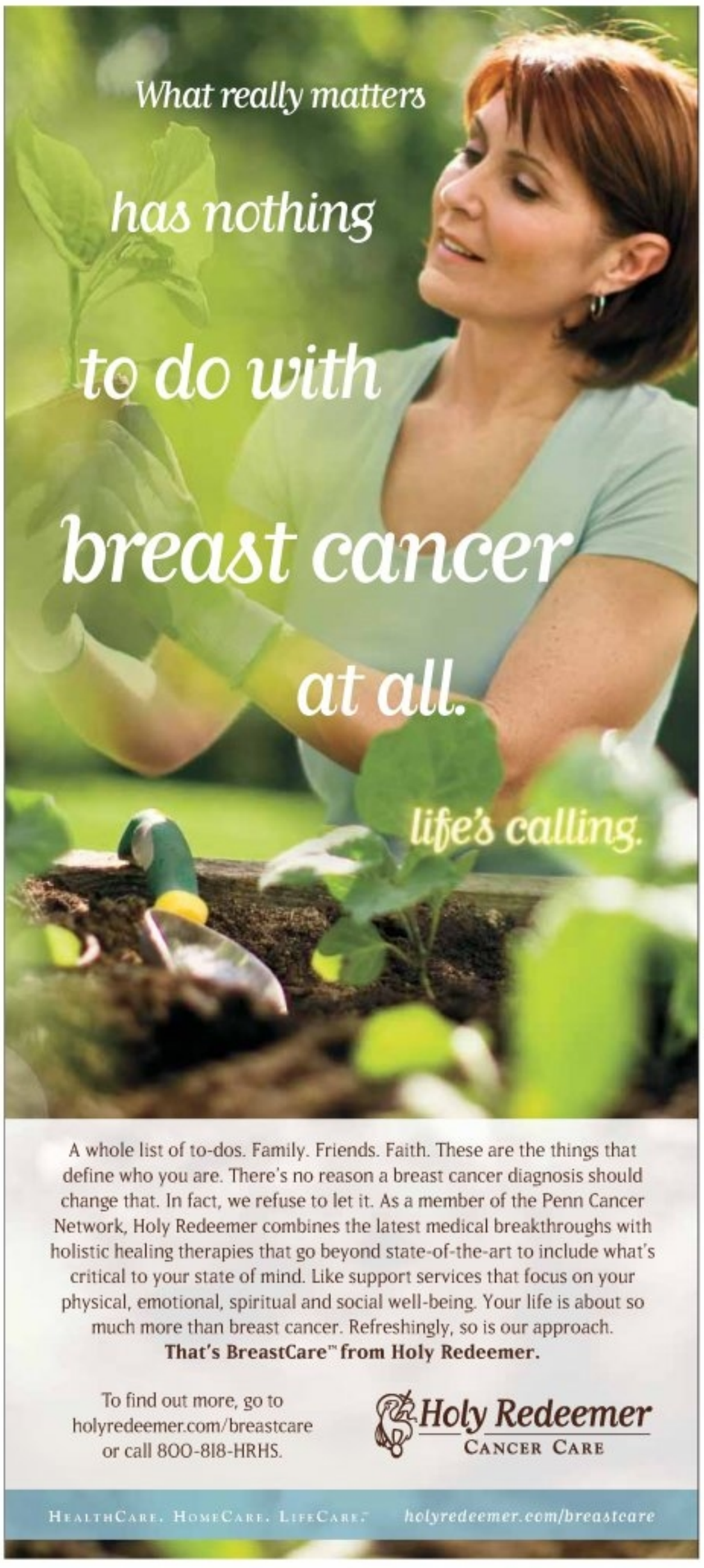

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'I don't let myself look that bad'

Ira Glass talks about collaborating with Mike Birbiglia on 'Sleepwalk with Me' and the nature of humor that exposes all of one's faults

Ira Glass is sitting upstairs at the Somerville Theatre, while "Sleepwalk With Me" screens to a packed cinema below. As this is the first movie Glass has ever co-written, does it pain him to not be in the audience?

"It does, actually," he says, putting his hand to his chin.

"Sleepwalk with Me" is the brainchild of comedian Mike Birbiglia, a frequent guest on the radio show and podcast that Glass hosts, "This American Life." Birbiglia is known for his willingness to incriminate himself with his humorously humiliating stories. Would Glass ever do something like this? Maybe.

"The character who I play on the radio is a part of myself that is honest, but I'm presenting so many other people's things," he says. "And I don't let myself look that bad, because I'm being a reporter and sometimes being a hardcore reporter, it seems weird to be that naked. Maybe that's a failure of imagination; maybe I could do it more."

Glass says whether or not he does change gears and starts to tell more revealing stories from his personal life, his collaboration with Birbiglia has definitely been inspirational.

Glass, right, on Birbiglia: "He's a big includer."
"Sleepwalk With Me" is playing now at the Ritz at the Bourse.

Interviewer as interviewee

As a reporter so accustomed to interviewing, it must be a luxury to be the one *being* interviewed? For Glass, not quite.

"No, it's not a luxury! It's a job being interviewed in the same way it's a job doing an interview," he speaks quickly, joking that he's snapping, before he settles into a more truthful answer. "You want to be honest and say things worth printing — like it's good karma to be a good interviewee."

"He's a big includer," he says of the comedian. "He at some point told me his theory that running the set was going to be like running the student council in Shrewsbury and that like, he'd go from person to person and make jokes and make them feel good about being there."

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Gene Simmons talks KISS fans, No. 1 albums and why only the very best are allowed on their stage — which he calls the Electric Church, naturally

For almost four decades, the iconic circus collectively known as KISS has been thrilling the masses with their trend-defining, still wildly absurd amalgam of muscular, no-nonsense rock music and dark fantasy theatrics. Now, after an up-and-down history that saw their legacy rise, fall and rise once more, KISS are not only deeply ingrained in the collective pop-culture fabric, but they are at the top of their creative game.

Their latest album — the 20th studio album, in fact — is called, appropriately, "Monster," and while not due in stores until mid-October, the band hit the road this summer, demolishing stages across the U.S. and Canada with fellow hard-rockers Motley Crue.

"KISS has a philosophy few other bands have," says Simmons, who is 62 and still swinging from wires and vomiting gore. "And that's to give the fans bang for their bucks. Not just our show, but making sure anyone on the bill with us is worthy of being on hallowed ground, the Electric Church, the KISS stage."

Shout it out loud

Simmons says he always enjoys the way KISS fans get in the spirit for concerts.

"Through the decades, the fans have always showed up wearing our makeup, some of them tattooed with our faces all over their bodies, and now, with children in tow, who are named after our songs."

A typical KISS audience contains a cross section of fans of every age, with KISS Army lifers sharing space with kids, their faces painted to honor their larger-than-life heroes.

"The KISS Army is a living, breathing thing," says Simmons, who has never been known for a lack of confidence.

Combine that with international omnipresence, sold-out stadiums and an anticipated new album, and Simmons has every right to brag.

"We have every intention of making 'Monster' a No. 1 album," Simmons states matter-of-factly. "If you're a world champion and if you have the heart of a lion, you will stay in the ring. If not, pack up and go home."

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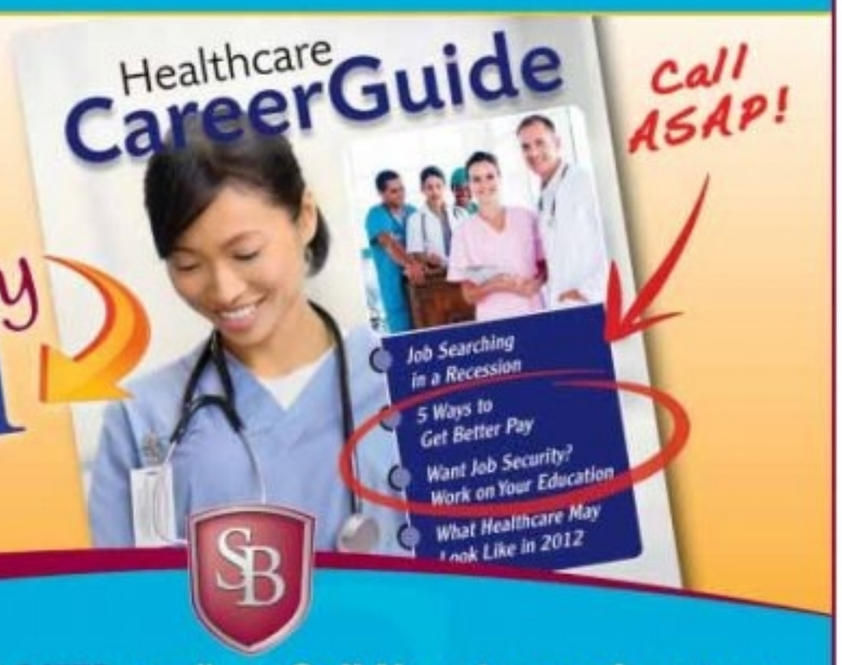
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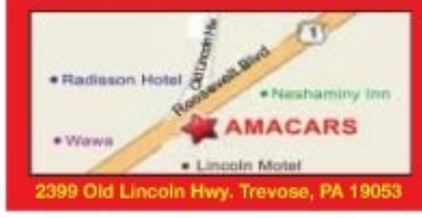

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Tony Dovolani of 'DWTS' talks dancing

Dancer Tony Dovolani took time out of his hectic "Dancing With the Stars" schedule to talk to us about how your Saturday swing class does wonders for your body.

Why is dancing a great way to stay fit?

There's a number of ways that dance improves your health. For one thing, it's a social activity. When you're dancing, you're not staring at a treadmill, you're staring at another person; it's interactive. Physically, it works out every part of the body; it works muscles you forget about — small muscles. Dancing burns around 275 calories in a 45-minute session. That's more than running.

"Stretching [is] so important. ... It doesn't need to be extensive if you do it right." DOVOLANI

What styles of dance give the best workout?

Foxtrot and jive. They build up a lot of stamina. The rumba, too. Some slow dances are great because they require more control and balance. Any ballroom dancing with a partner adds pressure. ... When you dance with a partner you have control, you are more aware and the mind is engaged too.

What should you look for in a dance class?

Start with salsa: It's simple and there's a lot of hip action, which works the mid-section.

Are there certain dance moves that people should incorporate into their exercise routine?

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Are our pols all lone wolves?

Is the Barack Obama who said yesterday, "It's hard to serve as president for all Americans when you've disdainfully written off half the nation," really the same Barack Obama who told then minority leader Eric Cantor in 2009, "I can go it alone. ... Look at the polls. The polls are pretty good for me right now. Elections have consequences. And Eric, I won. So on that, I think I trump you."?

NICK MCNULTY, VIA E-MAIL

Commentary chain reveals broken word

RE: "JUDGING A BOOK BY WHAT IT COVERS" (METRO, SEPT. 18) Letter writer Bob Trumbetta's criticism of Conn Carroll's column on Bob Woodward's book follows the Democrat playbook of demonizing their opponents. He offers no evidence to support his position. Meanwhile, there's plenty of factual evidence supporting Woodward: The Obamacare bill contains no meaningful tort reform. Obama's budget was voted down 97-0 in the Senate. Don't forget "shovel-ready jobs" that Obama later had to admit weren't.

JIM FLETCHER, VIA E-MAIL

Veteran neither victim nor moocher

My grandfather is 90 years old and dependent on the government. He married, went to college, started a business, worked his whole life, paid a lot of taxes, raised four children, was a World War II veteran and is a lifelong Republican. He is personally responsible for his success and ability to live the American dream. My grandfather is not a "victim," but he is dependent on two government programs he paid into his entire life: Medicare and Social Security. Apparently that make him entitled.

CARL HANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Numbers just don't add up for retiree

For decades the government has admonished retirees: "Social Security (SS), alone, will not suffice during your retirement and you will need 'additional income' to live." However, many inequities exist within the present IRS tax code for people who collect SS and supplement their SS with "additional income."

I and my retired colleagues are devastated by the way the SS surcharge is added to the taxable income.

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This seems even more unfair since wealthy politicians have recently disclosed that they can avoid almost all income taxes by utilizing esoteric tax avoidance schemes. By using "loopholes," the wealthy transfer additional financial burden to the middle class.

The middle class retiree, who needs to generate "additional income" (to live), has to pay a prohibitively high tax rate while the conniving wealthy can avoid their fair share of taxes.

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♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you aren't pleased with your present financial status, try to improve things. You'll likely be surprised at what your actions generate.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You won't want to let an associate undertake something that you know you can do better. Thus, should it become necessary for you to assert yourself, don't hesitate to do so.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's a mistake to depend too heavily on another's help in order to fulfill an ambitious objective. If you can't rustle up the support, make sure you have the resources to go it alone.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There is someone within your peer group who has a facility for stirring things up. For harmony's sake, it would be best not to identify too closely with this individual.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In your attempt to gratify a personal interest, you should be careful not to alienate anybody in the process. If you're perceived as being too self-serving, it could hurt your image.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If your feelings override your intellect, you're not likely to perform too well. Strive to evaluate critical conditions from a logical perspective rather than from an emotional one.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The control of a project that you're closely identified with is about to shift. You'll be much happier working under the new powers-that-be than you were with the previous.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Watch out if you're operating in close proximity to a strong-willed individual. Don't let him or her push you around and make decisions for you that do not serve your best interest.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The type of attitude you adopt will either make things more difficult or easier, depending upon which you choose. Don't blow things out of proportion.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Don't take a chance on anything that could end in disaster if you make even a slight error. Even if the odds appear to be tilted in your favor, play it close to the vest.

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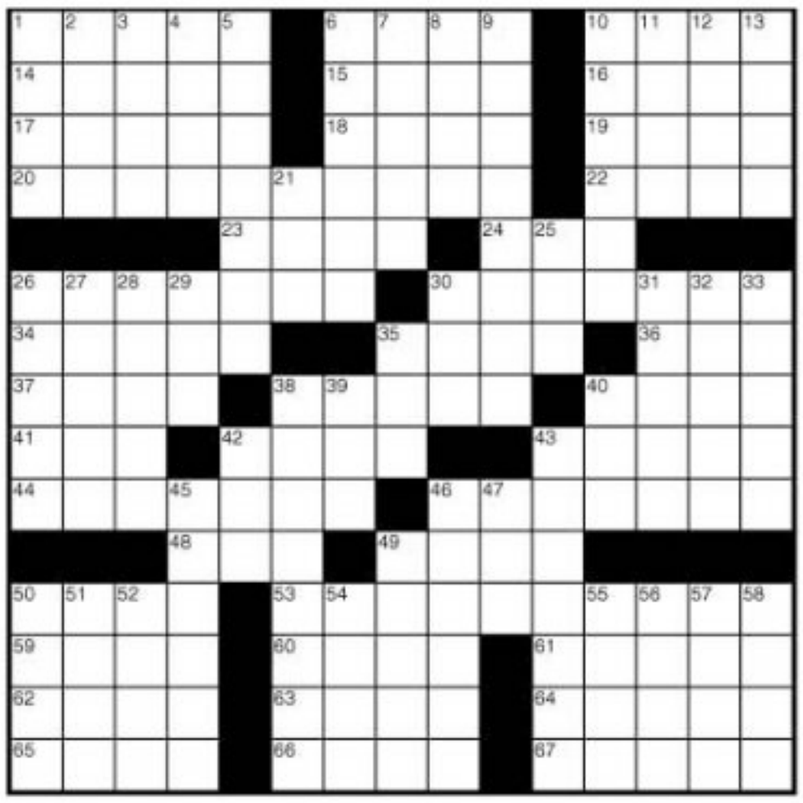

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Owls looking to scale Mount Nittany, end 71-year drought

Temple heads up to Penn State Saturday with high expectations ◗ University hoping to beat Lions for first time since 1941 ◗ Addazio, players know this is not just another game

Brandon McManus will never forget the strangest sound the last time Temple ventured out to Happy Valley to take on Penn State. On Saturday, when the Owls (1-1) return for their only game in a month to take on the Nittany Lions (1-2), he'd love for more of the same — only for it to last longer.

"Two years ago, we went to Penn State and were leading at half," said Temple's reliable kicker, who received a special community service award prior to yesterday's weekly press briefing. "It's the first time I ever heard the place silent. Last year, we played them tough, too, but lost at the end. This year we know they're still a very talented team, though I don't think their record reflects that. We know it's going to be tough."

Impossible? No one at Temple wants to believe that, even though it's been since 1941 — 36 losses, one tie — that the Owls have pulled off such a trick. This will be Steve Addazio's second try, after coming close in a 14-10 loss last year in the last three minutes. Don't tell them a win wouldn't mean the same now that Joe Paterno's gone and Penn State has been hit hard by NCAA sanctions in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky scandal. Especially considering many of Temple's players once weren't deemed good enough to be Lions.

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▶ Temple nearly upset Penn State last year at Lincoln Financial Field. Joe Paterno was still patrolling the Nittany Lions' sideline during that 14-10 loss.

"I can't look you in the eye and give you coach-speak that it's just another game," said Addazio. "The reality of it is, when our team is made up of predominantly Pennsylvania players — guys who were not recruited by Penn State — there's a tremendous excitement level to go up and play them. Of course, there would be."

Temple can't worry about any of that as the Owls make their annual bid to scale Mt. Nittany and end that 71-year drought. For Brandon McManus & Co., one thing will tell them whether it's been a successful trip: silence.

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"A lot of our guys haven't played in that kind of environment. When you're on the road, in that kind of stadium, the saying goes: 'You have to pack your defense and your run game.'"

STEVE ADDAZIO, TEMPLE COACH, ON PLAYING AT HAPPY VALLEY

We'll miss you

NFL Films boss dead at 69

Steve Sabol, the president and creative force behind Mount Laurel-based NFL Films, died yesterday from brain cancer. He was 69.

Sabol, whose father Ed founded NFL Films in 1962, was diagnosed with cancer in March 2011. Steve served as producer, writer, director and cameraman.

"For the last 22 years, Steve has been a great inspiration to me," said NFL analyst Ron Jaworski.

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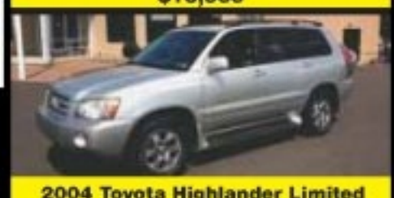
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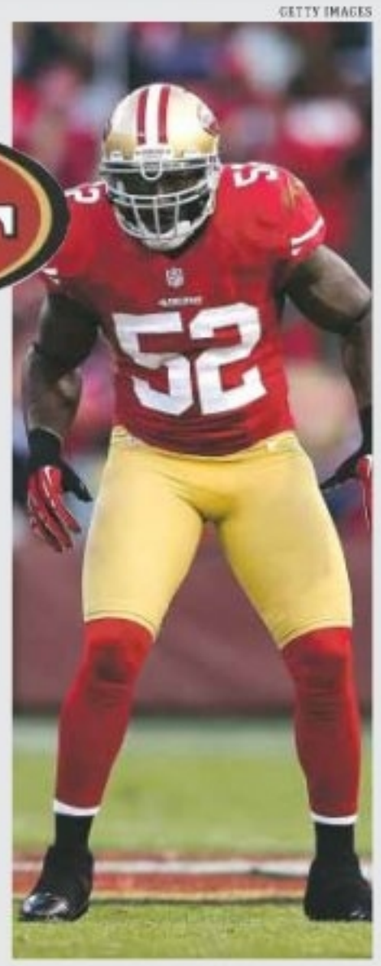

1 — 49ERS (2-0)
These aren't your father's Niners. This team, with all due respect to Bill Walsh and Joe Montana, have a mean streak and play with a chip. For the second straight week, the defense put the clamps on an NFC juggernaut — and throw those doubts away about Alex Smith. He's not purely a game manager. The former No. 1 overall pick can beat you with his arm if he needs to, and having Vernon Davis at his disposal makes him dangerous.

2 — FALCONS (2-0)
We knew Matty Ice's offense was going to be prolific, but Mike Nolan's defense was swarming and even had Peyton Manning scratching his head.

3 — TEXANS (2-0)
Houston never strays far from the script: sound defense, punishing run game. No one can stop Arian Foster and Ben Tate (184 yards combined).

4 — PACKERS (1-1)
Never sleep on the Pack. A week after their defense was heavily criticized, they charted seven sacks and four picks. Clay Matthews is still flexing over Jay Cutler.

5 — STEELERS (1-1)
The transformation from ground-and-pound to air-it-out is complete. Ben Roethlisberger (275 yards, 2 TDs) found 10 different receivers.

6 — EAGLES (2-0)
If the Eagles can figure out how to stop turning the ball over, watch out. The offense has racked up 942 yards in two weeks, while squeaking out two one-point victories.

7 — RAVENS (1-1)
Blame the refs all you want, but they weren't ready to play. Their offense couldn't run the no-huddle and their defense had no answer for the no-huddle.

8 — CARDINALS (2-0)
Smoke and mirrors? We're not sure, but a win vs. Bill Belichick's Patriots earns you respect. One thing is certain: The Cardinals' defense is legit.

9 — PATRIOTS (1-1)
Kellen Winslow is the new Aaron Hernandez — downgrade there — but Tom Brady will find a way. Remember, he led them on a game-winning drive only to see his kicker miss.

10 — BRONCOS (1-1)
Peyton Manning threw three bad picks, then nearly pulled off a classic comeback. Denver's skill players are still adjusting to his Cobra Commander routine at the line.

11 — NY JETS (1-1)
The Jets aren't as good as they showed vs. Buffalo, but not as bad as they were vs. Pittsburgh. More Wildcat, less Mark Sanchez? Ahh, the Tim Tebow experiment continues ...

12 — COWBOYS (1-1)
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Kelce's 2012 season over, trainers opt for surgery

Birds center will have ACL fixed, hopes to return by camp ◗ Reynolds tabbed as new starter ◗ Team adds Vallos for some offensive line depth

Jason Kelce's season is over. There's no telling if he'll trim the beard.

The Eagles placed their starting center on the injured reserve list yesterday after a follow-up exam showed Kelce's partial ACL tear was too severe. Doctors fixed Kelce's fully torn MCL and he'll undergo ACL reconstruction surgery on his right knee in three to four weeks, according to head athletic trainer Rick Burkholder.

"Most of those ACLs go from anywhere from six to 12 months," Burkholder said on a conference call. "We like to take about nine months if we can and that'll take us into training camp next year."

The fact that Kelce only had a partial tear won't speed up the recovery time.

"It's not that they'll actually repair his torn ligament that's [partially torn], they'll actually replace his ligament with a tendon," Burkholder said.

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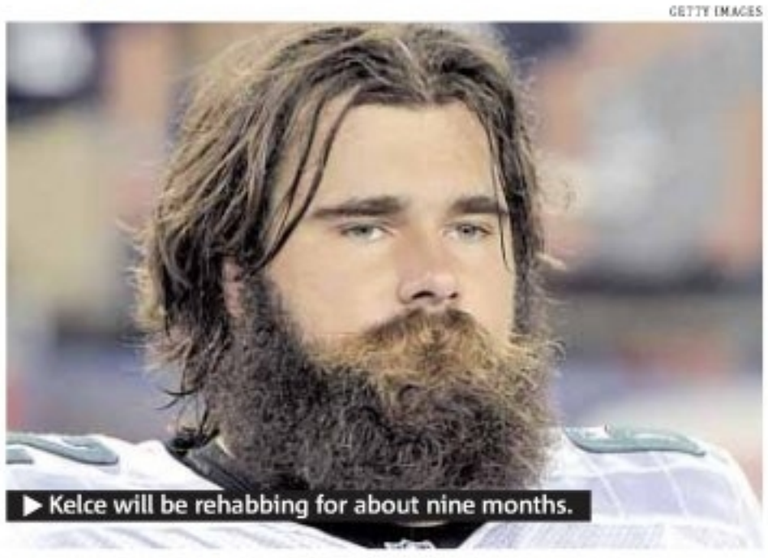

▶ Kelce will be rehabbing for about nine months.

Burkholder admitted that having two bad ligaments complicates things, but didn't think that the injury might be career-threatening.

"He doesn't have any other damage in his knee in terms of joint surfaces or his meniscus, nerves, blood vessels or any of that," he said. "That's a good, straightforward injury even though it's two ligaments."

Dallas Reynolds will serve as the team's starting center for the remainder of the season. The Eagles also made a roster move and signed Steve Vallos, a backup center who was cut after training camp.

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▶ The Phillies might be in a better position if Charlie Manuel had gone to Papelbon in the eighth inning of close games.

Where's Papelbon? Phillies not using big-money closer

It was like déjà vu when Jake Diekman coughed up a late lead against the lowly Astros Thursday. That was the seventh time the Phils lost a game with a lead with two outs in the eighth this season.

It's a remarkably high number, especially when you have an ultra-competitive closer in the bullpen, one who is very well compensated.

Former Phillies closer and MLB analyst Mitch Williams doesn't get it.

"If I'm Charlie [Manuel], I'm going to have a talk with Jonathan Papelbon and say, 'We're paying you $50 million," Williams said. "If we get to the eighth and we're in trouble, you're coming in.' Knowing Jonathan, he won't balk at that. He'll come in and try to put out the fire. If he closes out some of those games and pitches the eighth and ninth, I think it would be all right. He'll get his days off. It should balance out. But the bottom line is that those games he doesn't pitch in the eighth and the team loses could be the difference between making and missing the playoffs."

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Papelbon signed a four-year, $50 million deal with the Phils. He has converted 35 out of 39 possible saves.

That's right on the money. The games the Phillies blew late will probably be the reason they are looking from the outside at the playoffs for the first time since 2007. The odds are, Papelbon would have answered the call for most of those eighth-inning opportunities.

"I'm here to do whatever it takes to win," Papelbon said. "I want to win as bad as anybody on this team."

In Manuel's defense, he's had little to work with in the eighth inning. Antonio Bastardo has been unreliable. Chad Qualls was a bust. Michael Stutes was hurt for virtually the entire year.

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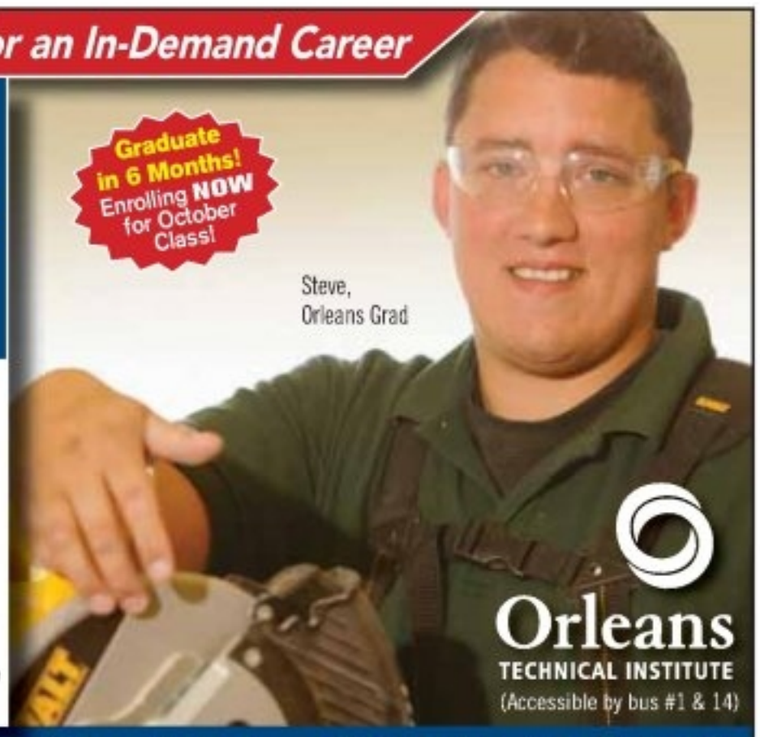

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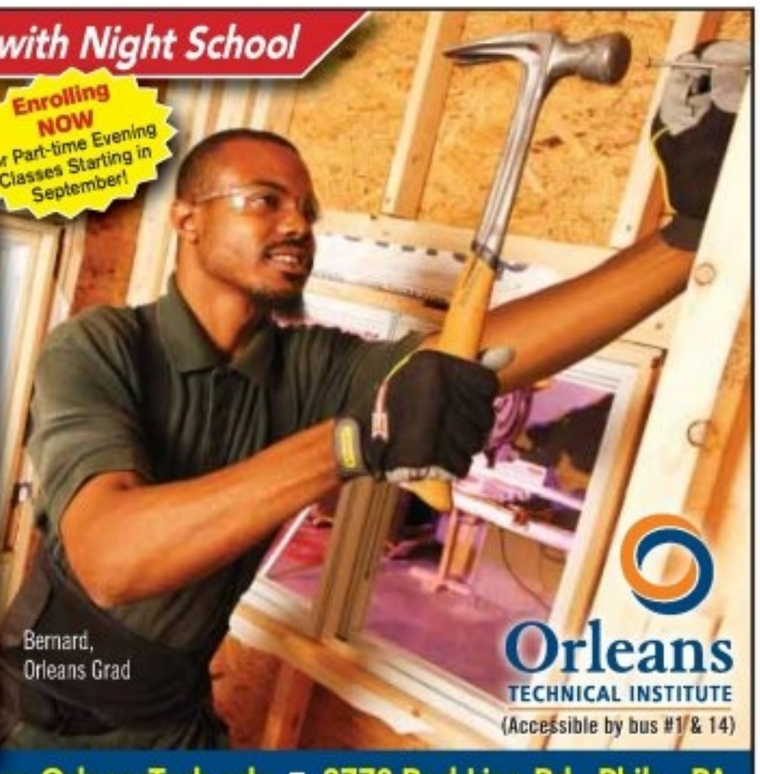

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▶ Holes in your clothes? It's not the dryer's fault!

Myth: Only hot water cleans and rids clothes of germs.
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Myth: Your detergent won't work as well if it's not blue.
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"This fifth consecutive month of improvement in builder confidence provides further assurance that the housing market is moving in a positive direction, but there's still a long way to go on the road to recovery and several obstacles are slowing our progress," said Barry Rutenberg, NAHB's chairman, in the release. Specifically, he continued, "unnecessarily tight credit conditions are preventing many builders from putting crews back to work — which would create needed jobs — and discouraging consumers from pursuing a new-home purchase."

NAHB's Chief Economist David Crowe mentioned in the release that despite the improvement, caveats remain. "Against the improving demand for new homes, concerns are now rising about the lack of building lots in certain markets and the rising cost of building materials," he said. "Given the fragile nature of the housing and economic recovery, these are significant red flags." ZACHARY KUSSIN/THE REAL DEAL

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Mortgage rates

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